

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 6-9 as follows:

1. (Previously canceled)
2. (Previously canceled)
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5. (Previously canceled)

6. (Amended) A movable barrier operator having automatic force setting capabilities, the operator comprising:

- a motor coupled to a movable barrier to be moved;
- a temperature detector for detecting temperatures; and
- a controller operatively coupled to the motor and the temperature detector for commanding the motor to move at a [specified] maximum force, [and] for changing the maximum force according to changes of temperature detected by the temperature detector, and for controlling the motor to stop moving the barrier when the maximum force is exceeded.

7. (Amended) A movable barrier operator according to claim 6, wherein the controller comprises:

a controller for increasing the maximum force [from the specified force] when a decrease in temperature has been detected.

8. (Amended) A method of selecting force settings for a movable barrier operator, the method comprising:

controlling the movement of the barrier in response to a maximum [operating a movable barrier operator at a specified] force setting;

- detecting temperature changes; and
- changing the maximum force setting according to the temperature change detected.

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9. (New) A method according to claim 8, wherein changing the maximum force setting comprises:

increasing the maximum force setting when a decrease in temperature is detected.
